

# Traviata Trivia

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A few nights ago I went to the opera, or rather to the local cinema in which the opera was relayed live. It was *La Traviata* from the English National Opera company.

For some reason, which is, perhaps, not difficult to fathom, directors of operas these days feel the need to make their mark by innovative productions, for example by setting *Così fan tutte* on the Moon, or *The Flying Dutchman* on Lake Titicaca, or *The Barber of Seville* in Nazi Germany. [more>>>](#)